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Minden Hills councillors and community partners joined Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening of S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and community centre on Saturday, May 7. See more photos on page 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Minden boardwalk closes indefinitely for repairs

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

A temporary closure of the Minden boardwalk was announced by the township of Minden Hills last Friday.

The wooden boardwalk, noted on the township's website to be approximately 0.4

kilometres in length from its entrance at the Cultural Centre on Bobcaygeon Road through natural grass marsh to Minden's ball diamonds or Invergordon Avenue, is closed for safety evaluation and repair.

"The township of Minden Hills wishes to advise pedestrians and cyclists of the temporary closure to the Minden boardwalk due to safety concerns," reads a May 6 press release

from Craig Belfry, director of community services, issued at end-of-day last Friday.

Temporary barricades have been placed at the entrances to the boardwalk.

Belfry told the *Times* that after inspection, staff and engineers determined to close the boardwalk to further evaluate the safety of the structure and make necessary repairs. The damage, he said, is due to weather, age

and other factors.

"Most new damage occurred over the winter, most likely related to weather and age," Belfry said. "In addition, previous floods have caused damage that needs to be rectified."

Belfry said there have been spot repairs to the boardwalk in recent years. The boardwalk

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Nine-year-old Minden resident nominated for Junior Citizen Award

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Michael Dillane was all smiles when arriving at the *Minden Times* office on May 6. The nine-year-old Grade 3 student was there to receive a certificate of recognition after being nominated for a 2021 Ontario Junior Citizen Award this year.

The award recognizes outstanding young people, age six to 17, who are performing worthwhile community service, are contributing to their communities while living with limitations, have performed acts of heroism, excellence in personal achievements, or are 'good kids' who are making life better for others and doing more than expected of someone their age.

Michael, a Minden resident, was nominated by his forest school teacher, Lois Foster, who was pleased to see him receive his certificate.

"Michael has been my student for two years now and is a self starter," she wrote in his nomination. "He comes up with ideas to help others and follows through with them with his own initiative. Although he is only nine years old, he is most helpful at school, never having to be asked to help, never having to be asked to be responsible with his own personal gear/belongings, and always willing to share or give up something he is doing so that another student can participate. He always volunteers to help other students and helps the teachers too, in our unique setting at forest school with a team of three teachers on any given day and students aged four to 12. He is particularly helpful with the younger students, assisting with hats, mitts, laces, boots, locating gear, pulling them on the sled when they are tired, and opening containers at lunch time."

Times readers will recognize Michael from previous stories about his caring nature and neighbourhood contribution.



Michael Dillane, centre, holds the certificate of recognition he received for being nominated for a 2021 Ontario Junior Citizen Award through the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. Michael was joined by his parents, left, Robin and Rob, and his teacher, Lois Foster, who nominated him. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

When he heard that people in the community were struggling to heat their homes during the pandemic, he created and sold bracelets with words like 'love,' 'be kind,' and 'hope,' on them, raising \$100 for Heat Bank Haliburton County and \$100 for the Minden Community Food Centre. Earlier this year he began making 'pocket hugs,' wooden animals that fit in the pocket, and sold them for \$5 each, raising more than \$350 for Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc.

"Michael is pleasant, polite and fun to be with in every group with whom he has contact," said Foster. "He is humble and his smile says everything about how much he enjoys helping others. He fairly beams when he is in the moment of helping someone."

Foster acknowledged the support and influence of

Michael's parents, Rob and Robin, noting he "has adopted a giving attitude from the great examples he sees every day in his own home. He just has a big, big heart for serving others."

Michael's nomination was supported by forest school principal David Taylor, who said he had seen "countless examples" of how selfless Michael is, and teacher Judi Paul who said Michael is supportive of his classmates "in every way."

"I believe Michael will change the world someday as he impacts people daily in a positive way," said Foster.

The Ontario Junior Citizen Awards are co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. Final recipients for the awards were announced on March 11. For more information visit www.ocna.org/JuniorCitizen.

Municipal election candidates update

Registration for Ontario's municipal elections opened on May 2.

Anyone wishing to run for council has until 2 p.m. on Friday, August 19 to file nomination papers. Residents considering or wishing to run for council can find information and forms on their lower-tier municipality's website or by contacting the municipal offices.

As of press time, in Algonquin Highlands, current Ward 3 councillor Jennifer Dailloux filed her nomination papers for a second term, while current deputy mayor and Ward 2 councillor Liz Danielsen has filed her nomination papers for mayor.

In Minden Hills, Ward 1 councillor Jennifer Hughey filed her nomination papers for a second term. Longtime councillor Lisa Schell has filed papers to run again as deputy mayor. Councillor Pam Sayne has filed to retain her position as Ward 2 councillor.

In Dysart et al, Daniel Roberts has filed for the Ward 2 councillor spot, while longtime school board trustee Gary Brohman has filed his nomination papers again for the English public school board spot. In Highlands East, Michel Charron of Verona has filed for the French separate school board trustee position.

The 2022 municipal and school board election will be held on Oct. 24.

For more information on voting in Algonquin Highlands, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca/elections.php.

For more information on voting in Minden Hills, visit mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/elections/.

Staff

Public asked to stay off boardwalk

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was also closed at times last summer, and in previous years.

"In 2020 through 2021, the municipality has invested approximately \$37,000 in repairs to the structure by replacing boards," he told the *Times*.

Belfry said the township "looks forward to reopening this great municipal attraction as soon as it is safe to do so."

"There is \$50,000 in the 2022 Capital Budget for the boardwalk," he said. "This is a grant from the Federal ICIP program. As part of the project, this initial evaluation by engineers took place which will aid in developing timelines, and project parameters."

In the past, the municipality's barricades have been vandalized and removed from the boardwalk, later found in the marsh area.

"This has happened numerous times, and currently, staff are retrieving them again from the marsh," said Belfry. "These barricades are put in place to ensure the safety of the public, and prevent injury. We ask that the public respect this closure and stay off the boardwalk at this time."

Belfry said he has not received any direct complaints from residents on the closure, nor on the condition of the boardwalk this season.

According to the township, information and updates on the closure and subsequent opening will be communicated through media releases, the Minden Hills website or through social media channels. For questions regarding the closure, contact community centre staff at 705-286-1260 x. 552 or for more information visit www.mindenhills.ca.



Minden's boardwalk is closed for repairs, indefinitely. On May 6, temporary barricades were placed at the entrances to the boardwalk, an elevated wooden walkway that leads from the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to Invergordon Avenue or the Minden ball diamonds. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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County council votes to strengthen shoreline protection bylaw

Plan to hire monitoring team and start lake health program

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Haliburton County has moved to create a more comprehensive shoreline protection bylaw that puts new limitations on what can be built or removed near important waterways, which are vital to the region's identity and health.

A vote that passed at the April 27 virtual county council meeting allows the county to take several new steps to address the brewing community dilemma that has pitted environmentalists against individual property owners for several months.

The vote allows the county to move forward with a plan to recruit "a monitoring and bylaw enforcement" team, subject to job descriptions written by county council. The team would survey whether property owners are doing anything that could damage waterways.

It also calls for staff to write a proposal for a "lake health" program that would involve local organizations that could review other water-related bylaws within the county and release information to the public.

The vote passed after more than an hour of discussion and

the release of a thorough report by county planning director Steve Stone. It outlined the context leading up to the vote, as this bylaw has been in the works for months.

"I think this was a really good discussion," said Warden Liz Danielson, after the vote passed. She added that she thought a next step for the plan would be to include provisions for how septic inspections should work.

Councillor Pat Kennedy also endorsed it, saying, "we have a wealth of information here. We need to pull it together to see what we've got."

The county began the process of creating a shoreline preservation bylaw in 2017, out of worries that when structures or other developments are built too close to water, they can damage ecosystems and the overall health of water. The bylaw is ultimately about protecting the shorelines of Haliburton County, which are important to the area's lifestyles, tourism industry and overall charm.

The vote that passed doesn't end the process, but asks staff to "continue refinement" of the draft bylaw.

The bylaw, as it stands now, is 21 pages long and it meticulously lays out what property owners need to do to comply with the law.

For instance it says, "no person shall undertake any site

alteration," without a proper permit.

It also says, "no person shall injure or destroy a tree, or remove native vegetation" without a permit.

The bylaw also gives details on how to obtain permits to work near water, noting that a shoreline permit can be given out when the planning director "is satisfied that the activities and works proposed in the application will not result in: i) the removal of more than 25 per cent of trees in the shoreline; ii) flooding or ponding; iii) erosion; iv) blockage or siltation of a body of water; v) increased surface water flow to adjacent lands; vi) increased surface water to adjacent bodies of water; vii) a detrimental effect on any tree; and, viii) a contravention of the intent of this By-law."

Environmental issues, such as this, often draw attention in Haliburton County.

In January, a group called Turtle Guardians held a protest outside a Gelert Road address where the property owner was believed to be filling in important wetlands.

Although the activity stopped, several concerned citizens wrote to Dysart et al council, calling on the municipal government to better enforce protection of wetlands.

COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022

County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	2022 Total cases	2022 Case rate per 100,000 population	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	23	908.7	23	0	1	0
Haliburton	Dysart et al	9	144	2,111.4	113	31	5	2
Haliburton	Highlands East	4	42	1,194.2	37	5	0	0
Haliburton	Minden Hills	2	94	1,420.6	78	16	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	73	2,653	3,260.5	1,720	933	60	25
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	1	205	2,606.2	184	21	5	2
Northumberland	Brighton	11	304	2,402.2	266	38	13	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	21	585	2,869.6	374	211	11	3
Northumberland	Cramahe	5	161	2,493.4	144	17	8	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	4	221	1,804.2	199	22	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	8	343	1,970.7	251	92	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	16	514	3,848.2	275	239	14	4
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	154	5,289	2,765.8	3,664	1,625	127	43

COVID-19 in Haliburton County

Four new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in the May 9 update from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit. Fifteen outbreaks are currently in progress, including one at the Gardens of Haliburton retirement home in Haliburton. The outbreak at the Haliburton hospital has been declared over. The health unit reminds the public that data seen here only reflects positive results of those with access, which is limited, to PCR testing. /Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 12 – Regular Council Meeting

May 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reminder that you will need a burn permit for daytime burning, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM from April 1st to October 31st, and a fireworks permit for the ignition of fireworks. A burn permit is issued for the season at a cost of \$50.00. Contact the Fire Department for a fireworks permit prior to the ignition of fireworks at 705-286-1202.

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS?

Township of Minden Hills residents can find out whether they're on the voters' list for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at voterlookup.ca. Voterlookup.ca is an online service used to collect and confirm information that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. If you do not have access to the internet, please visit the Administration Office, Clerks Department, 7 Milne St., Minden. If you need support, please call 1-866-296-6722.



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NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT - MAY 12, 2022

Regular Meeting of Council

Please take notice Council will consider proposed changes to the Township's Procedural By-law during its Thursday, May 12, 2022 Regular Council meeting conducted virtually at 9:00 AM in the Council office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Proposed changes to the Township's Procedural By-law will permit a hybrid meeting model of in-person and virtual attendance at Council meetings.

Meeting Live-Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/4s97SX2qeug>

Please Note:

We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at:** [https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/).

Dated this 5th day of May, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Official grand opening of Minden’s recreation complex

Three years after the original groundbreaking ceremony in May 2019, a crowd gathered for the ribbon-cutting at the grand opening of the Minden Community Centre/Recreation Complex/S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday, May 7. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin gave recognition to community groups and individuals that helped make the construction of the facility possible. Speeches were also given by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale. After the ribbon was cut, the crowd was welcomed in to the arena to enjoy a performance by Minden Skating Club, a Highland Storm scrimmage, public skating with the Haliburton Huskies team, and other demonstrations inside the sports complex. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott and Township of Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin cut the ribbon to officially declare Minden Community Centre/Recreation Complex/S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena open.

Diane Peacock of the Arena Task Force for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena was recognized for her contributions to the community centre project with a memento by Township of Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. The Arena Task Force was an organization that integrated with the builders to provide input and help make decisions about the facility.



Ava Allaire skates to “Colours of the Wind.”



Minden Skating Club skaters perform “Colours of the Wind” during the grand opening.



A tour of the Haliburton County Huskies changeroom and lounge area was one of the activities included.

School's Cool play-based program returns this summer

This summer, laughter will fill the air at schools across Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka with the return of School's Cool.

Last year 93 students participated in the program that both prepares children for kindergarten and gives children who are floundering in kindergarten, a leg up. This year spaces are available for 126 children.

The free six-week program will run from July 11 to August 18, Monday to Thursday, in person at six different schools. This year, School's Cool is targeting children in JK and SK who have struggled with the learning challenges and disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as children entering kindergarten who may not be ready.

"School's Cool is a play-based program that increases developmental skills by nearly one year over a six week period," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson. "Research shows that those gains are sustainable, resulting in higher Grade 3 testing scores. Past graduates and their parents still talk about the impact that the School's Cool program had on their school success."

Brothers Isaiah, 6, and Asher, 4, were just two of the many students who thoroughly enjoyed the program in 2021 and saw many benefits from it, said their mom Leanne Young.

"I decided to send them because I wanted Asher to have some shorter days to adjust to school rhythms," she said. "I was nervous how he would adjust to school because he hasn't left home since COVID. So he didn't get any preschool/day care exposure. And Isaiah was really struggling with not having school since April, 2021. So I thought the

routine would be good for him."

Not only was the routine good for the boys, but they loved it, said Young.

"They were excited to go every day," she said, adding there were also other improvements that she noticed. "Isaiah's behaviour drastically improved. He was really missing socializing with other kids and having a routine of in-school activity. He hated virtual school. Asher's vocabulary improved and he was so excited to tell me what they did every day."

Last year, School's Cool instructors saw vast improvements with many of the children in the program, which focused on social development, routines, and confidence building. Behaviours that were seen in children at the start of the program included difficulty paying attention, aggression, separation anxiety and being shy or withdrawn.

School's Cool co-ordinator Chris Lynd noted, "I think that the overall success was partly due to being in a group setting with peers, playing, learning and discussing things important to them. They were happy to be able to play and laugh with other kids. Their parents told us how excited they were to be with others and that their 'happiness' level had increased."

This year the program will take place at Stuart Baker Elementary School, Ridgewood Public School, Gravenhurst Public School, Spruce Glen Public School, Alexandra Public School and Queen Victoria Public School.

Over the years the program has received praise from parents of the participants, commenting on how much it helped them or their child prepare for kindergarten.

For Lynd, this is all the evidence she needs

to believe in the program and the impact it has on both the children and the community.

"For me, I am very pleased to see the growth of the children over time. It confirms for me that School's Cool is a great program that introduces children to kindergarten, building confidence, skills and awareness."

For more information on School's Cool and how to register, contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca.

*Submitted by Angelica Ingram
SIRCH communications co-ordinator*



Sweet support

Madame Borgdorff cakes student Mathias Lee at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, May 6 on the final day of the school's Support Ukraine fundraiser week. The day featured a barbecue lunch by donation, teachers getting pied in the face, and a buyout for the afternoon. The week began with a bake sale on Monday, a floral day on Tuesday featuring a flower crown-making seminar, a lunchtime performance by student musicians on Wednesday, and a campaign to wear blue during Blue Day on Thursday. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Downtown

IF THE SUN is shining just right and your heart is into it, you likely sang that headline to the tune of Petula Clark's 1964 recording ... well, maybe you didn't, but you probably went back and did so after reading the start of this first sentence or at any rate, it's in your head now and will be for days.

Clark's song, written by Tony Hatch after a visit to New York City, might make you think happy thoughts of neon lights and movie shows, or perhaps makes you think of trying to escape from troubles and cares.

When we posted online last week's story about Minden's Music by the Gull becoming Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds, the response on social media was more troubles and cares than not. The story had more than 70 comments and almost 20 shares – that's basically Haliburton County-viral – and seemed to touch a nerve more even than stories about budget decisions or election campaigns or public health decisions. Having spoken with one of the organizers, and then reading all of the comments, I can see why the committee wanted to try something new with the acknowledgement that if it doesn't work out they're open to returning to the riverside spot, and I also understand just how absolutely charming the event as it was has been.

I'll miss Music by the Gull, well, by the Gull. I'm relieved after all we've seen cancelled over these past two years, or over the years in general, that the event is continuing in some form in a nearby area. There is great potential to using many of our sometimes underused spaces in town – the fairgrounds, Rotary Park, the riverside, in new or old ways.

Like many in this town, I love events – organized or casual – that happen in the downtown area, or along the river. While not why towns and cities were settled next to rivers and lakes, that's what towns with waterways are made for, nowadays. Why have a river if you're not going to sit or walk by it, or float on it in some way? Sinclair Russell, whose memorial bench overlooks the Gull River, used to talk

about having the Pride parade float down that river. We know it becomes the quaint location for Canada Day events like the raft race and the rubber ducky race. Like the Nam Song river in Vang Vieng – well, not quite like that – tourists are catching on to what the locals have always known about the joy of floating from an entry point to wherever the current takes you. I also yearn again for the events that take us from downtown, over the bridge and up to the fairgrounds by foot or by horse and trailer, celebrating the town we live in and all the businesses and landmarks and people we pass along the way.

We've all thought about the potential for the area of the old firehall to be a community hub with a playground for kids and adults, or downtown amphitheatre, or community garden, or simply a meeting place – anything, really, at this point. I've heard others talk about arranging the downtown traffic differently so that it's one-way only, or to have no traffic at all, a pedestrian-only area. Of course, there'd need to be a solution for access through the town for emergency vehicles – but maybe that's something that should be considered anyway, as occasionally

the only option is rerouting traffic when Sunnybrook Bridge needs repair work or closes for other reasons.

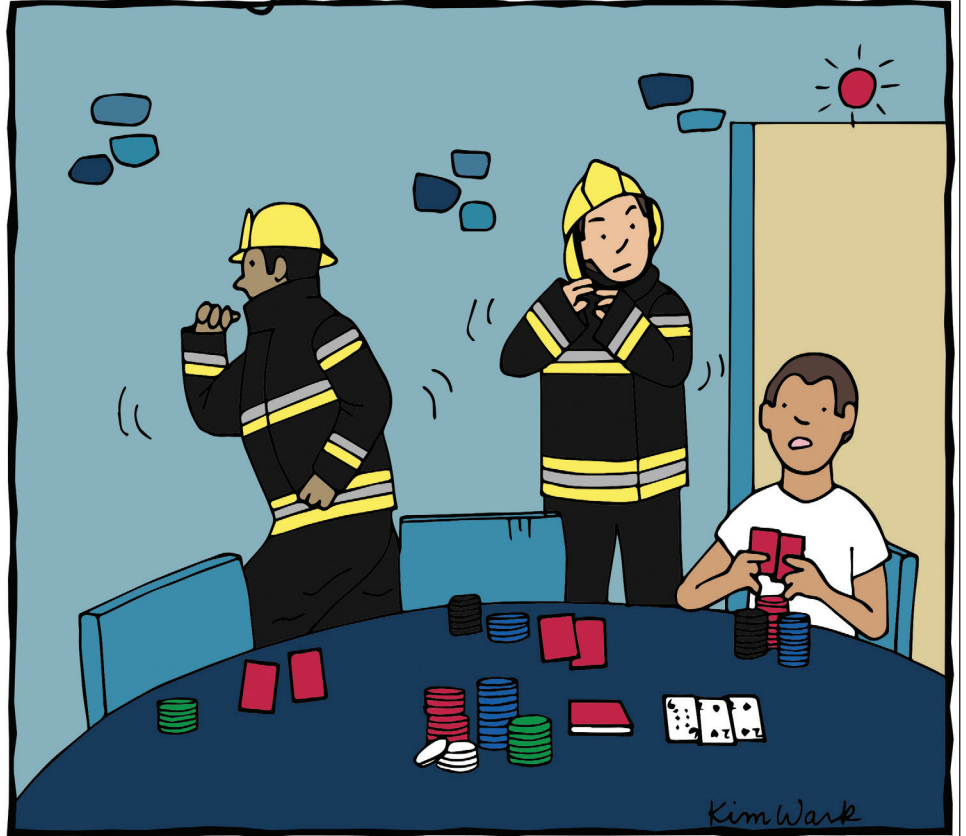
Doing something more or different or outside-the-box to attract more people to our downtown area might seem extreme. Perhaps you're making the same incredulous face right now my family does when I tell them tales of lore about sled dog teams racing past Stedman's or bed races crossing the bridge or people cutting logs with chainsaws or making chalk drawings in the middle of main street. We'll see in the upcoming months what event organizers, as they get back into planning, and new or experienced councillors plan for the areas of our town that we're hoping to best use.

While Music by the Gull might have moved up the road for now, perhaps that happening has made us think more about the public spaces we have to enjoy our time in, and how to best use them.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Kwarky



"But I'm winning!"

Water retrieving gone awry

OVER THE last week or two I have been taking my dog to an area of flooded timber and throwing training dummies in the water to hone her retrieving and swimming skills. The goal is to keep her sharp for the fall duck season.

The first time Rosie saw a mallard drake I never saw in the water. Naturally, she rushed in and flushed it. This was not my intention, but Rosie hunted ducks with me last season, so it is hard to fault her for this.

Over the next few visits, if Rosie saw that drake at the far end of the flooded area, her instincts would take over and she would jump in and swim towards it and then the duck would take off before she got within 10 yards.

Of course, if I saw the drake first, I would call Rosie off it, which was also good training.

But something has changed over the last few visits.

Rosie now goes to the pond and when she sees the drake she doesn't bother it at all. I think she has learned that she's not going to catch a healthy duck, which is good. Her job is to only to retrieve dead and wounded birds.

But this has complicated the relationship too.

It led to a truce between Rosie and the drake. Rosie swims in one end of the water. The mallard watches from his end. I don't have to worry about my dog harassing wildlife.

Everyone is happy.

But things got even more interesting last week when a hen also revealed herself at the far end of the flooded timber.

Surprisingly, when Rosie leapt in prior to the training session, the ducks just swam calmly at the far end. And Rosie just nodded to them and kept a respectful distance away.

I'm not really sure how I feel about this.

The final insult came last week when the mallards sat on a log and watched Rosie as she retrieved training dummies about 15 feet from them. And I swear Rosie gave them a friendly smile as she swam by.

This is no way for a hunting dog to act.

Mostly, because it can escalate into behaviour that is unnatural for dog and duck.

If this keeps up, I suspect this could bloom into a full-fledged friendship in which the ducks will actually help Rosie by yelling things, "The training dummy's over there. If you swim this way you can avoid all those sticks."

This will naturally cause Rosie to be grateful, which

might manifest itself by her telling them about the park benches most used by old people who feed ducks.

After that, we are only one step away from Rosie joining them on the log, where they will have a few laughs and catch up on their lives. It might even lead to the ducks inviting Rosie to visit them in their winter vacation retreat in the US. Which in turn might cause Rosie to invite them to a pool party in her plastic kiddie pool.

Needless to say, I cannot allow this sort of fraternization to continue.

That pair of mallards will probably create a brood that the hen will be bringing to the flooded timber soon. If Rosie becomes a godmother to one of them, my waterfowl season is going to get complicated.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Make life easier for women

THE ABORTION debate has flared into rage again in the United States, spilling of course, into Canada and elsewhere.

Much time, energy and money is spent arguing whether governments should allow women to terminate pregnancies. Wouldn't all that time, energy and spending be better directed at lessening the chances of a woman having to make an abortion decision?

For instance, improving sexual and reproductive health services would reduce the need to worry about abortions.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Here in Canada, provincial health plans typically do not cover most contraceptive drugs and devices. Many people have to rely on private insurance plans, sometimes available through their employers.

Single women, who have a high percentage of abortions, often do not have the higher-level jobs that provide such benefits.

Much can be done to improve work life for women who must work to feed their children. Many of these are single mothers, who number almost one million in Canada. Nearly one-third live below the poverty line.

You can chalk that statistic up to inequality. Earnings of single moms lag well behind that of men – roughly 82 cents to the dollar for the same job. The gap is even larger for racialized women.

Also, the median income of Canadian families led by single women in 2020 was about \$49,000 compared with \$101,000 for married couples.

Working single mothers need improved programs that will help them raise their children while doing their jobs. Many have lower-level jobs with unpredictable work schedules that make it difficult to take care of children. They also need satisfactory paid family leave and affordable quality daycare.

Affordable daycare is on the way. The federal government has made deals with the provinces to provide \$10-a-day daycare.

In Ontario, which has some of the highest daycare costs in the country, the average daily cost for daycare is roughly \$70, which is difficult to handle for a single mother earning food outlet wages. However, earlier this year the province signed on to the federal plan that will lower the cost of daycare to \$10, but not until 2025.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit single mothers particularly hard. One study has shown that the employment rate for single mothers has not rebounded as pandemic restrictions have eased.

An analysis of Statistics Canada data found that the employment rate for single mothers with children under age six was down 36 per cent between February 2020 and the end of 2021. Employment of mothers with partners and children in the same age group was up 4.5 per cent.

No matter what laws governments pass to control abortions, they will continue to be done. The plain facts are that the majority of women seeking abortions are poor, or categorized as low-income, and feel they cannot afford to raise children.

The Guttmacher Institute, a global research and policy institution says 75 per cent of women seeking abortions are living below the poverty line or are categorized as low-income. It believes that a comprehensive package of essential sexual and reproductive health services, including contraception and safe abortion care, should be included in national health systems.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says that 73 million induced abortions take place worldwide every year. It includes abortions in its list of essential health care services.

Meanwhile the rekindled abortion debate continues to rage in the United States. It is a partisan debate that threatens to further tear the country apart.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to strike down the landmark 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which said the U.S. Constitution protects a pregnant woman's liberty to have an abortion without excessive government intervention. That decision basically made abortion legal in the U.S. but hard-line conservative groups have been trying for decades to get it reversed.

The Supreme Court's decision on whether to strike down *Roe v. Wade* is expected at the end of next month or in early July. A leaked draft of the decision indicates it will strike it down, creating more massive unrest in a country that some people believe is already on the verge of another civil war.



Tales of the riverbank

The sun was shining on the Gull River on May 7, this empty stretch of riverwalk soon filled with people strolling by. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

letters to the editor

Keeping the planet on the ballot

To the Editor,

"Political campaigns are designedly made into emotional orgies which endeavour to distract attention from the real issues involved, and they actually paralyze what slight powers of cerebration man can normally muster." – James Harvey Robinson (1863-1935)

What blend of fact vs. fiction will be served up to us during the coming Ontario election campaign? We all know that COVID-19 and its variants have delayed action addressing critical social and environmental justice challenges including the climate crisis. The UN's recent *Code Red for Humanity* report confirms that the opportunity for a middle ground climate response disappeared long ago.

As the blanket of fossil fuel pollution enveloping our planet continues to push global temperatures ever higher, many of us are frightened for our communities, for people around the globe, and for the world we leave our children. It's easy to feel powerless – that anything we do is insignificant against the causes of climate change.

Even the darkest cloud may have a silver lining, if only we take the time to look beyond the surface. As physicist Neil Bohr (1885 – 1962)

once stated, "Every great and deep difficulty bears in itself its own solution. It forces us to change our thinking in order to find it."

The non-partisan Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign, promoting awareness on the climate crisis along with other environmental and related social justice issues, provides an overview of our individual and collective 'silver lining' opportunities. For more information and ways to take action, see ontarioclimateemergency.ca. How much of their Climate Action Plan will your vote support?

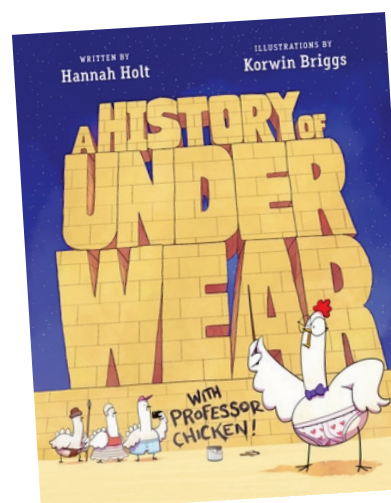
The provincial election on June 2 presents all Ontario's voters with an important opportunity. Let's ensure that candidates for all parties are aware of and actively respect our voice as we call for truly effective and timely action for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and good old Mother Earth.

Whatever the outcome when our votes are counted, it will be upon us to hold all elected politicians' feet to the climate fire.

"You can't be neutral on a moving train!" – Howard Zinn (1922 – 2010)

**John Gibb
Minden**

HCPL's Jr. Book of the Month - May



From Paleolithic loincloths to Henry VIII's wives wearing underwear on their heads to Mary Walker, a civil war surgeon who was arrested for wearing men's underwear and clothing to better work on patients, this book surveys the vast and fascinating history of our most private clothing.

Modeled by chickens, we trace the humble history of underwear from its very first discovery – a paleolithic nomad whose body was found completely preserved in ice. From there, we look across time and culture at the change and development of everyone's favorite personal clothing item. A gem of a book packed with information sure to both generate laughter, and impart knowledge.

Hilariously but accurately (well ... except for the chickens) illustrated, Hannah Holt and Korwin Briggs' *A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken* is sure to "wedge" its way into

the annals of history-based picture books. Check it out from Haliburton County Public Library today, and impress your friends and family with all your underwear-related knowledge.



Bid on a bunkie for SIRCH

Students in the First Steps Training, Basics of Carpentry program being facilitated by SIRCH Community Services are building a bunkie with the help of instructor Doug Norris. The bunkie will be put up for auction online starting May 13. Anyone is invited to bid by visiting www.SIRCH.on.ca, with proceeds going back into SIRCH programming. To place a bid, you will have to register and leave a credit card on file. The training program is a partnership with Employment Ontario, Fleming Employment Services and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. /Submitted by SIRCH

Five issues voters should consider as they go to polls

Candidates should face tough questions about child poverty, long-term care, climate change

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

There's plenty for Haliburton County voters to consider as they go to the polls on or before Thursday, June 2 to vote for a new provincial government and a local Member of Provincial Parliament.

Public health care and education issues always dominate discussions during provincial elections, which is understandable given that these two huge portfolios are provincial responsibilities.

But there are other issues of concern that are generating discussion within local municipal offices and businesses. Here, a few issues that voters should keep in mind and perhaps ask local candidates to weigh in on as they decide who to vote for:

How can Haliburton's child poverty rate be lowered?

Roughly one in four children living in Haliburton County are living below the poverty line. This alarming statistic was unveiled to Haliburton County council in January, through a report by StrategyCorp, a firm hired to gather statistics to support the county's new community safety and well-being plan. It said that the child poverty rate was 23 per cent and the overall poverty rate was 17.2 per cent. (The provincial average child poverty rate was 17.6 per cent in 2019, according to the Canadian Centre of Policy alternatives.). The report also said that, "in 2019, 13.5 per cent of households in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes faced food access challenges (e.g. not having enough to eat, limited access to quality foods, or worries about having enough to eat) due to financial challenges."

This begs the question to candidates on how the poverty rate can be lowered and how comfortable should Ontarians be with allowing child poverty to continue. These high rates are nothing new. Way back in 1989 all parties in the federal House of Commons pledged to end child poverty by 2000. Yet, according to census data, in 2016, 18.4 per cent of children in Ontario were living in poverty.

Education must be accessible, right?

A well-known pathway to reducing poverty is providing people with better access to education, but that remains an

elusive goal in rural ridings, which don't have a large, local post-secondary institution that locals can easily access. The same StrategyCorp report noted that the rate of Haliburton County residents aged 25 to 64 with post-secondary education is just 55.6 per cent, down from the provincial rate of 67 per cent.

There are a myriad of solutions to this problem, which the provincial government has control over. It could be expanding programs at Fleming College's satellite campus in Haliburton, more student loans or distance learning options. It could also involve more transportation programs, which would allow Haliburton County residents without vehicles to get to nearby post-secondary institutions or trade schools. A recent Haliburton County-supported transportation program to get people to access trades training programs at SIRCH has been hailed as a step in the right direction, but more can be done.

How can the province help municipalities deal with climate change?

Haliburton County has been remarkably progressive in its addressing of climate change, knowing it's a rural cottage country that stands to lose its identity if it doesn't adapt to new weather patterns.

It recently adopted a corporate climate change adaptation plan, which calls for re-imagining how the county builds infrastructure and recreational programs, among other areas. For instance, it recommends municipal projects now be built with "green infrastructure" such as green roofs or rain gardens.

Yet paying for infrastructure is always a daunting challenge for municipalities, which often need help from the provincial tax base.

Haliburton County voters would be wise to ask political parties how they intend to reward municipalities, like those that make up Haliburton County, who have shown great leadership in accepting – and not denying – that climate change is here to stay.

How can public health catch up?

This last provincial election term was, obviously, dominated by pandemic response. Public health leaders and workers did a remarkable job at putting together urgent programs, like the vaccine program, to save lives.

But it came at a cost, as many public health workers were deployed from their normal areas of work to get the vaccines out. A late 2021 letter from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit to the government, indicated that 2,400 students missed school-based immunization programs during the pandemic and 5,300 local children were overdue for oral health screenings.

The public health unit wants to catch up on offering important programs but must find a way to do so after maxing out budgets in 2020 and 2021. Voters should think about which party can best find a way to support and financially back this important institution.

Are we doing everything we can for elderly residents in long-term care?

Premier Doug Ford's biggest crisis during his first term in office may have come when a report by the Canadian Forces was delivered to him in the spring of 2020, after the military was called in to work at five long-term care homes that were hit hard by COVID-19. The report painted a picture of understaffed homes where the health of elderly residents was severely neglected; and it signalled calls for new standards that should govern how all long-term homes operate; even those that are run privately.

Locally, the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition [now the Haliburton Highlands LTC Coalition] was born to advocate for higher standards and argue against privatization.

The issue hits close to home, given that Pinecrest Nursing Home, in nearby Bobcaygeon – which is in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock – was considered one of the epicentres of the crisis, as 28 residents, plus a spouse of a resident, died as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak during the first wave of the pandemic in the spring of 2020.

The tragic nature of this story means that no voter should be afraid to ask a demanding question to any political candidate about whether the province is doing all it can for our most elderly citizens.

Same goes for any of the four other mentioned issues – or issues that impact your family or livelihood. They are tough issues, which demand tough questions and there are no easy answers. But candidates should be able to address them if they are to earn your vote.

Memorable Mondays at Walkabout for HHSS students

Finding opportunities within the community that are engaging for our entire class of students with unique and diverse learning needs can be challenging. Walkabout Farm, however, can accommodate people of all ages and abilities. Jenn Semach and her team of volunteers believe in breaking down barriers and promoting inclusion within the community.

For our students, Walkabout is not only therapeutic in nature, but it is also an excellent work opportunity. Every Monday, the students happily don their Walkabout Farm uniforms and can't wait to bond with the animals, learn how to care for them, and hone their horseback riding skills. Watching our students learn a brand new skill set that we couldn't otherwise teach within the confines of a classroom has been amazing! Walkabout is a safe space to take risks and try new things; as a result, each visit bolsters self-esteem.

We have an amazing principal, Chris Boulay, who is always eager to back the initiatives of the Practical Academic and Life Skills team. We're grateful that he could secure the funding we needed for transportation. We also can't thank enough Jenn - and her team of volunteers - for providing our class with this memorable experience.

"It's been a dream come true to offer alternative equine and nature based therapies to people in our community who have special needs and considerations, especially our youth," said Jenn.

Many of our students will continue to visit Walkabout long after graduating.

As Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. relies heavily upon donations to run programs and care for the horses, any contributions help the organization immensely. Walkabout is able to give charitable tax receipts for both monetary and in-kind donations. For more information visit www.walkaboutfarmtra.com.

Stacey Ingram, Teacher of Practical Academic and Life Skills at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School



Jennifer Semach, Jaicob Wagg on Valentino, Aimee Bain, Tinkerbelle Maes, Chelsea Rowe, Alyssa Whitaker on Gracie, Crista Sedore and Brenda Browsers gather for a group shot at Walkabout Farm.



Gerry Sutcliffe and Gracie share a moment.



Alyssa Whitaker and Gracie.

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U-LINKS CELEBRATION OF RESEARCH SERIES

Anthropogenic land use impacts on water quality of Upper Stoney Lake

by JAMES RANKIN
Special to the Times

The following is first in a series sharing community-based research projects undertaken by undergraduate students from Trent University or Fleming College through the U-Links Centre. These research questions are based on specific community needs and driven by Haliburton County organizations. CBR brings together the knowledge and expertise from the partner institution's faculty and students to provide relevant and actionable information while students gain valuable real-world experiences. For more information visit www.ulinks.ca.

This spring, my research partner Ryan Austin and I wrote a literature review on the topic of the human ecological impacts related to cottages on water quality and ecosystem health in the Stoney Lake watershed. The review is titled "Anthropogenic Land Uses and their Impacts on Oligotrophic and Mesotrophic Lakes Relating to the Water Quality of Upper Stoney Lake" and we prepared the piece for the Upper Stoney Lake Association (USLA). Selecting this topic was a clear choice for Ryan and I, as we feel that development proximate to waterbodies should be considered while determining the ecological impacts humans have on ecosystems. Our goal was to review and shed light on the ecological disturbances and degradation from typical practices and components of cottages on Stoney Lake.

We set out by reviewing literature includ-



The shoreline of Upper Stoney Lake. /Photo by Amanda Porter

ing peer-reviewed academic journal articles and reports on the ecological condition of Stoney Lake and similar lakes in the surrounding watershed. We created a consolidated report on the harmful land uses related to cottages surrounding Stoney Lake and their ecological impacts.

A key land use we considered is shoreline alterations including manicured lawns and removal of near-shore vegetation. These alterations result in shoreline erosion from boat wakes and wave action that a naturalized shoreline could buffer. Creation of lawns and the removal of natural shoreline vegetation also results in increased runoff including contaminants and nutrients that root systems of natural vegetation can filter.

Significant alterations including large

permanent docks, boat houses and ramps disturb shoreline ecosystems. They alter the sediment structure and lake-bottom habitat, whereas floating or seasonal docks have minimal ecological impacts.

Additionally, we highlighted that septic tanks are a significant component of the impacts of cottages have on the watershed. Poor and improper maintenance of septic systems can result in harmful chemicals and nutrients leaching or overflowing into lakes. Typical contaminants associated with sewage including E.coli and pharmaceutical drugs can be introduced into aquatic systems from defective septic tanks. High concentrations of nutrients including phosphorus and nitrogen that can increase harmful algae or cyanobacterial blooms can also be a result of septic

contamination.

For these reasons, many environmental groups advocate for a natural buffer of three to five metres of naturalized vegetation between shorelines and development. Programs and incentives are present to advocate and often require septic systems to be monitored or restored to prevent this.

We also investigated the impacts that motorized boats and other common cottage activities have on the lake as this was a broad topic to cover.

While our report pertains to one mesotrophic lake in the Kawarthas, our findings are applicable to any lakefront cottage community. The ecological health of our lakes reflects land uses. We should restore ecological degradation wherever possible and carefully monitor human impacts on aquatic ecosystems.

Along with our project, six other student researchers investigated the impacts of marinas, golf courses, and watershed land uses on Stoney Lake. Each group produced terrific, insightful reports on each of these important topics.

I would like to thank the Upper Stoney Lake Association, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, my research partner Ryan, and our faculty host Tom Whillans, for their guidance on this research project.

James Rankin graduated from Trent University with an Honours BSc in Environmental and Resource Science. He is now working at Killarney Provincial Park as an Interior Park Ranger.

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HHSS Co-Op SERIES

Fueling a dream with foundational skills

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The following is part of a series of co-op placement stories featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

Kaleb Pereira, a senior high school co-op student is looking to fulfill his dream to race in motocross, with a focus on the lucrative potential of a career in the trades.

The Grade 11 student, who likes the value of work, spent his first semester earning four credits to his Ontario Secondary School Diploma while receiving instruction and hands-on training on construction sites learning about dry-walling, cutting and installing trim, ceiling installation, and installing sub-floor.

All these skills will set him on a path to a career that will help him fund his hopes to race dirt bikes.

"Right now, I want to make as much money as possible. I want to be a professional dirt bike rider," the 16-year-old said. "I'm just training and racing. It can be a full time job, but not really."

He adds, the reality for motocross racers is that a day job is needed to supplement income, which is the insight he gained after speaking with current racers. He'll be starting as rookie classified racer. Next year, he hopes to take action to be a racer.

The teenager appreciated the diversity of skills he learned and the collaborative aspect of the work during his co-op experience last semester.

"I've [had] quite a few jobs and this one is a lot different, working with other contractors too. This [kind of] teamwork is the best," he said.

There's a certain satisfaction for him to be able to be self-reliant when it comes to inevitable repairs or renovation work that a house may need.

"I just wanted a little experience. Just know if I've got to fix something at my own house [I could do it]," he said.

Kaleb is not adverse to hard work.

In addition to school and the co-op, Kaleb said he is a cook at Sir Sam's and runs his own landscaping business where he is capable of running equipment such as skid-steers and a dump box.

His heart though is in construction.

"I love it," he said.

Among his other ambitions include a desire to get his license to be able to be a heavy equipment operator, which would enable him to operate vehicles such as bulldozers.

Although he enjoyed his time out of the class, co-op is more than just escaping.

"The experience – get out and have a real job and see what it's like. If you think about trades, it's great idea to get into co-op. 100 per cent," he said, referencing what he likes about the program.

Carpentry is an area of work he is now considering after his co-op experience.

The greatest satisfaction Kaleb derived from his work experience with his mentor and contractor Caleb Campbell was to see the end result of his hard work.

"Just building and seeing how when the house first started to when it was finished and how amazing it was," he said.

This wasn't the teen's first foray into the trades for a professional.

Before this experience, he helped his brother, who is an electrician with his own business based in the Highlands, Paradigm Electric.

Campbell was happy with Kaleb and sees a near-future working relationship.

"He's already expressed an interest in potentially working together in the future and through the summer. We're definitely going to continue to work with him to get paid and that sort of thing. So, yeah, I think it's a great opportunity. I wish that I had done something like this when I was in high school, because it wasn't until I was, you know, over 30 when I realized I wanted to work in trades and I enjoy this kind of work. So, kind of having an experience younger on in life is a very valuable thing," he said.



Above, senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Kaleb Pereira preps surfaces for work at a job site in Haliburton during his four-credit co-op on Dec. 1 of last year. Kaleb said co-op is about gaining work experience and an opportunity to learn about different career paths. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Kaleb appreciated the opportunity to develop his trade skills, with the hope to be able to use what he learned with his own future home.

spective. He led an entirely different life just before his decision to work in the trades. From working as a project manager for Toronto Hydro, which was mostly a desk job, working as a contractor in the Highlands has been welcomed.

What he learned later in life is something he appreciates, but recognizes the value of getting a teen to realize this sooner. Campbell said he realized the trades were a viable option for a career instead of a "white-collar" job when his friend provided the opportunity for a change.

"I left my previous job and started working with him and then I was helping him with mostly project management, that sort of thing," he said. "But, ya, now, I've been doing contracting for three years. So, I've learned a fair bit."

When employers and educators talk about ensuring the prosperity of the economy the idea of keeping young adults from leaving regularly rests with area employment.

Kaleb has dreams, but also recognizes the potential of making a life here.

"Who knows? Maybe I'll stick around here," he said.

Campbell is based in the Highlands and is a Victoria Street School graduate who decided to return home to make a life here. For the past three years, Campbell has been a contractor, which came from gaining a new per-

Note: co-op faculty lead Jason Morissette said Pereira is back in class for this semester, but is already looking to do another four-credit co-op next year, which is likely going to include carpentry.

Edgewater Grill set to open for the long weekend

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Local new owners of what was formerly the Kinmount Grill hope to share their lifelong love of the area by providing delicious food to residents and visitors.

The Hancocks purchased the building at 4027-4049 County Road 121 back in March. They appropriately renamed it the Edgewater Grill for being situated next to the banks of the Burnt River in Kinmount.

"I am looking forward to the entire process of running a new business. The opportunity for all of us to be together and work together will be a really nice change," said Edgewater Grill owner, Donna Hancock.

While creating an establishment for themselves, they also hope to offer an additional dining option in the Kinmount/Irondale/Gooderham area.

Jeremy, Donna's son, said, "There aren't a lot of places to eat around here, for both locals and people cottaging or coming to visit. We hope to fill that gap."

Although this is the family's first time operating a restaurant, they will have no shortage of exceptional food with the help of experienced family members. Devin, Donna's daughter, said she loves cooking and is excited to work in the kitchen.

Jeremy said, "It's pretty exciting creating your own recipes. It's like an art form where you can come up with your own ideas and put a unique spin on them and then see what's popular with customers. One thing I'm excited to make are cheesecake chimichangas, which are deep-fried cheesecake sticks served with strawberry jam."

Along with exciting specials, Edgewater Grill will still offer familiar food like burgers and fries. The family hopes to keep adding new items to the menu each week as they get acquainted with the workings of a restaurant.

After living in Whitby for a few decades, the Hancock family decided to move back to Irondale in 2021, the place where they have fond memories of spending summer weekends



New owners of Edgewater Grill, formerly The Grill in Kinmount, Liam O'Neill (left) Devin Hancock, Donna Hancock, and Jeremy Hancock are excited to offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week upon opening. Edgewater Grill plans to open just before the May long weekend.
/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

with relatives.

"My husband has always wanted to come back (to the area) because we were raised in Irondale, and we figured that it was getting close to retirement for us. My husband will spend the last five years of his career working from home and travelling when needed, and this way, we get to try something new for all of us," Donna said.

If everything goes according to plan, the Edgewater Grill will be open by Monday, May 16, just in time for the long weekend. The restaurant will be open for three meals a day, seven days a week.

"We've been completely renovating the entire inside of the restaurant ever since the weather got a little warmer. We have new cupboards, new paint, and more. It has slowed down the

opening, but we wanted to make sure everything was exactly how we wanted it before we welcome customers," said Donna.

The restaurant is take-out only with the option to eat at their picnic tables outside. The family is hoping to be able to operate the restaurant long into the future.

"We are mostly thinking about the kids when we decided to open up the restaurant. We wanted to start something that they would be able to eventually take over and run themselves," Donna said.

Edgewater Grill will soon be on social media platforms, and any updates can be found at www.edgewatergrill.ca.

Dominion Hotel wins best bicycle-friendly business award

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

While many have been known to walk right in, even paddle on up to the Dominion Hotel and Pub, the Minden hot spot also welcomes those who want to cycle by for a pint, a warm meal or a comfortable place to rest after a long bike ride.

The team at the Dominion Hotel and Pub was awarded last week for this hospitality toward cycle tourists, being named the 2022 Best Bicycle-Friendly Business in Ontario's Highlands from Ontario by Bike. The award recognizes businesses that go above and beyond with "efforts in and excelling at providing services and a welcome to cyclists visiting their locations as well as supporting cycling within their community."

Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said the Bobcaygeon Road establishment is seeing a fair amount of cycle tourists, noting "a lot of traffic" from Ottawa and Toronto coming to stay for a few days to tour the area.

"The county has done an awful lot to make the roads bike-friendly and we're hoping for even more as time goes on,"

said Chamberlin. "They'll come up and use us as a centre point, stay for two or three days and just take different loops on their bike."

They come by bike, or bring their bikes to explore the nearby area – one group came from Toronto, left their cars in the parking lot, and biked to Ottawa and back. Some visit local sightseeing spots, others bike to Dorset and back.

"They're all saying the same thing, they're saying that it's fantastic biking, it's exactly what they want," said Chamberlin. "It's interesting, beautiful country, it's ups and downs, lots of rocks, trees, rivers and lakes."

Chamberlin said every year the Dominion tries to offer something more, alongside guidance from Ontario by Bike or feedback from cyclists.

"We've even run people to Canadian Tire because they've needed a tube or something, helped them out with that kind of thing, so we do our best to accommodate," he said. "We have compressed air for their tires, to blow up their tires, and even a hose that they can use to wash down their bike, wash the road dust off. And they seem to like that."

Staff is aware of the Dominion's participation in the Ontario by Bike network, and it's not hard for them to spot cyclists.

"They'll come in, we have an all-tile floor, and they'll

come in and we can hear the bottom of their shoes, their cleat connectors – clack, clack, clack, across the floor – right away we know, these are serious bikers," laughed Chamberlin. He noted they're also friendly to the local folks, many who come to Dominion by bike rather than drive.

Chamberlin said being able to offer storage or a safe space for bikes at the downtown location gives peace of mind to visitors.

"That really makes a difference, when you're travelling around a bit and you don't really know where you are, it helps to give that level of comfort," he said.

The award is one Chamberlin and staff are proud to receive.

"Our continued long-term success as a community is going to be going after the micro-markets, the speciality markets," he said. "They're all looking for something to do. There's good value to us in trying to accommodate them."

Dominion Hotel and Pub will be featured in Ontario by Bike's June 2022 e-newsletter, which is sent to over 16,000 subscribers mid-month.

For more information on the 2022 Best Bicycle-Friendly Business awards visit www.ontariobybike.ca/2022awardwinners.

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Sunday night bowling league right up Minden's alley

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Wherever David Hammond lives, he bowls.

When he lived in Scarborough, he bowled in a league for 20 years. Later when he moved near Uxbridge, he organized a league himself. Now that he's moved to Minden with his wife Maria, one of the first things on his to-do list after getting settled into the area, was to organize a Sunday night mixed bowling league. The Sunday Nite Mixers Winter Bowling League gets rolling in September at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden.

"I've done a Sunday night league probably for about 25 to 30 years," he said. "The timing was great for most people. End of the weekend, beginning of a new week, everyone's back from whatever they did on the weekend and ready to go bowling, get up and start your week."

Hammond said there's room for about 36 bowlers in the league, and spots are already being registered by bowlers from as far away as Wilberforce. The league will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 until April 2023. Those 19 and older can join, and so far Hammond says there's a range of bowlers aged 30 to 75 interested in participating.

"It's not a competitive league, it's completely fun," he said. "We'll have novice bowlers to some pretty good bowlers. I'm an OK bowler, I'm not a great bowler, I bowl for fun. Will there be competition? Absolutely, because it's a team sport."

Organizing the league has been a good way



David Hammond, Ron Crump and Maria Hammond are looking forward to September, when a Sunday Nite Mixers Winter Bowling League will meet at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. The league is open to 36 people, anyone aged 19 or older and plans to be a fun night with prizes emphasizing the support of local businesses. For more information contact David at 416-910-2707 or sundaynitemixers@gmail.com. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

for Hammond to meet others in the community – those who want to join as well as local business owners.

"I thought that this would be a great opportunity to get as many people involved as possible, not just the bowlers, but the entire community," he said. "The past two plus

years have been incredibly difficult on people, especially many of our local businesses. So I thought, why not take this opportunity to encourage our members to support local shopping."

In lieu of trophies, which Hammond refers to as "dust collectors," Hammond is using

bowler fees to purchase more than \$3,000 worth of gift certificates from local businesses, who are also donating some prizes, to award to bowlers during the season. A monthly draw for \$100 will be available to bowlers who qualify to win by bringing in a receipt from a local business. A December "turkey roll," will offer turkeys and other prizes purchased in town to winners, and a banquet at the end of the season will take place in a local restaurant. Hammond said additionally, a donation will be made to a local organization at the end of the year.

"I am absolutely amazed at the support I have received so far from each and every business in town," said Hammond. "The generosity and support have been overwhelming. It's definitely a win-win for everyone involved."

Hammond said the league is a good way to bring people together, especially those who can't join a league during the day. He and Maria have also joined another league as well at Fast Lane, and bowl with his family on Friday nights – his sister has lived on South Lake Road for 20 years, and a sister and uncle have since also moved to the area.

"We've gone from one, there's now four of us," he said of the now Minden-based family. "They say you're stronger in numbers."

Those interested in adding to the number of members in the Sunday night league can contact Hammond anytime between now and September.

"Whether you bowl 80 or 180, it doesn't matter," he said.

For more information call 416-910-2707 or email sundaynitemixers@gmail.com.

Women's soccer league kicks off season

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

An ambitious new resident is eager to share her devoted passion for soccer with the community.

Fitness trainer Kathy Judson moved to the area with her husband and twin daughters last summer, but quickly discovered that the chance to play the game most important to her was missing.

"Soccer is not just exercise and sport, but rather, it is therapy, it is friendships, it is vitamin D, it is well-earned sweat, it is walking down memory lane, and it is setting an example for my girls," Judson said.

When the opportunity was not there to play, she knew she had to create it.

With that, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics was born, featuring a women's league and a youth league.

Since being introduced to soccer at the age of 22, Judson knew that it was an opportunity that needed to be shared with as many women as possible.

Playing soccer in Belle River outdoors that summer, she missed the sport so much when the season ended that she created a women's indoor league of her own to continue playing in the winter. This would prove to be the first of many leagues spearheaded by Judson.

She soon moved to London, England, and, to her surprise, found herself on a semi-pro women's team playing in the Women's Football Association Cup at Wembley Stadium, the oldest single-elimination soccer tournament in the world.

"I searched everywhere for a rec league to play in, but, unlike Canada, rec soccer for women didn't exist yet," she said. "I was thrown into the hardest, most non-fun soccer



Fitness trainer, Kathy Judson, is new to Haliburton County and was quick to notice the absence of a women's soccer league. With the help of the Municipality of Dysart et al, Judson created Haliburton Grassroots Athletics. The new organization consists of a youth league and a women's league and welcomes all ages and skill levels. Registration is \$100 for each league. For registration and more information, visit www.dysartetal.ca/en/news/soccer-registration.aspx. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

of my life [while playing with the semi-pro team], but I sure did learn a lot," Judson said.

Judson then moved to Paris, France, and again, found herself struggling to find a recreational women's league to play in. This time, she took the liberty of creating her own, Women's International Soccer Paris, which attracted players from all over the world.

With women from various backgrounds already registered, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics is proving to have a similar effect.

The Haliburton women's league welcomes women of all skill levels, any age over 18, and begins at the end of June. The league will run on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. and go until mid-September.

To Judson, women's soccer is limitless in the benefits that it can offer its players.

"Women lend themselves in many directions in order to care for our families, jobs, and businesses, and making this time for ourselves doesn't come naturally," she said.

Carla Hill, a paramedic in the county, said that she recently joined the league to add some enjoyment to her life after living through a pandemic for two years.

"I decided now was the time to spice up my routine and do something for me. I'm 40, a mother of two, and am excited to be a part of the [league]," Hill said.

Haliburton Grassroots Athletics was made possible thanks to the help of the Municipality of Dysart et al and a sponsorship by Tim Hortons.

Timbits is sponsoring the youth league to provide equipment for its players aged nine

and under, and the Haliburton Tim Hortons will cover equipment costs for youth not under the Timbits sponsorship.

"Many children would not have the opportunity to play sports without the involvement of Tims. Organized leagues promote healthy, happy children who will retain fond memories from their involvement in team sports," Haliburton Tim Hortons' owner, Nancy Bishop, said. "It's wonderful to know that the Haliburton Highlands will have organized soccer for kids of all ages. Kids thrive on playing team sports and having all teams looking good in team jerseys and participating in something new for the area is thrilling."

The youth league will play every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at either the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery or one of the school fields in Haliburton. The women's league has not yet determined where they will play. Updates can be found on the Municipality of Dysart et al's website.

Registration is \$100 per player for the season, and registration for both the women's league and the youth league is now live here: www.dysartetal.ca/en/news/soccer-registration.aspx.

As an added bonus, Judson is offering free summer access to her fitness platform, Sweatbank, to any woman who registers for Haliburton Grassroots Athletics soccer.

Judson would like the league to grow into a larger soccer organization in time with multiple teams, a game schedule, referees, spectators, and more sponsors.

"I would love to see this league as something that our local women look forward to every summer, running decades into the future so that my girls will have it to enjoy as well," Judson said. "With any luck, we might be able to play on the same team one day."



Bringing on the fun

Minden Skating Club skaters (back left to right) Emily Fitzell, Cheyenne Lagace, Melanie Walter, (front left to right) Amelia Rowden, Kinsley Murdoch, and Alana Smith competed in Skate Ontario's new competition, Bring ON the Fun, at Rotary Place in Orillia from Apr. 29 to May 1. The competition did not award any medals. Skaters in stars one to four each recieved a report card after their skate that let them know if they would've placed first, second, or third. The senior skaters recieved points for their skate rather than medals. Overall, coach Jane Symons said that she was proud of the team as they placed seventh out of 14 teams, many of which had many more skaters. Missing from the photo are Ruthie Parker and Hannah Lewis. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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On the ball
Sofie Mills chases after a pass from teammate Emily Fitzell during the HHSS junior girl's soccer game against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Monday, May 9 at the HHSS field. The team played with intensity and finished the game with a 2-2 score. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2021065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front 1022 Medley Trail located within Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden
2. **File No. PLSRA2021085:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of 1520 Bob Lake Road located Lot 12, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Anson
3. **File No. PLSRA2020060:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Spar Lake, lying in front of 1339 Spar Lake Road located Lot 22, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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Township Planning Consultant
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Answers on page 15

Flying the red and white well at OFSAA

Tidey and Smith's love for game rewarded

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks senior girls' doubles badminton team of Ava Smith and Emma Tidey played among the best, savouring the dream at the all-provincials last week from May 5 to 7 in Pain Court.

Also known as the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship, the team earned their berth a week before with a second place finish at the Central Ontario Secondary School Associations' championships.

During a break in the action, Smith emailed the *Times* about their experience and what getting to OFSAA meant.

"It is so exciting to be here at OFSAA. This has been our dream since we played badminton in gym class in Grade 6 at Archie

Stouffer Elementary School, and we found a love for this sport! We've worked really hard to make it here. We thank Mr. Schmidt for putting in so much time to practice with us," Smith said, referring to their coach Bob Schmidt.

Schmidt said the duo came through in the clutch during COSSA to punch their ticket to the all-provincials. After Tidey and Smith won two consecutive match wins, the team played for the top spot and lost. So, when the team was in the battle for the last berth for the all-provincials they beat their opponents 2-0, taking the match and second place with scores of 21-13 and 21-16.

Schmidt said during OFSAA that the team was playing well before the conclusion of the tournament.

He said they were in the B flight of competition, with a record of 2-1 before the elimination rounds.



The girls' doubles team of Emma Tidey, left, and Ava Smith competed at the all-provincials last week, which was a dream come true for the seniors. They earned their berth with a second place COSSA finish the week before. /Submitted by Bob Schmidt



They've got game

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Emily Miller, from left, Taya Tomlinson, Maddy Walker, Emily Graves and Lilly Casey cheer on their teammates during an exhibition basketball game between the two Highlands' schools on Wednesday, May 4 at JDHES in Haliburton. This was the first basketball game for the girls in more than two years due to the pandemic. /DARREN LUM Staff



ASES student Jace Mills dribbles the ball past JDHES opponent, Evan Backus during their exhibition game at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on Wednesday, May 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Taylor Mulock leads a fastbreak, attempting to stay ahead of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School defender Addyson Parish. /DARREN LUM Staff



NOTICE
Maple Lake Cemetery
St. Peters Cemetery
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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is submitting a By-law, to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, that will repeal and replace By-law 2013-36 being a By-law to regulate cemeteries in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Any interested parties may contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 333 or email dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law.

The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/residents/cemeteries.php>

The By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

Dated this 11th day of May, 2022.

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GENERATIONS

Growing and gardening together

Gardening is a great opportunity to support your child's development while also creating wonderful memories together. There are opportunities to practice gross and fine motor skills, as they find the best ways to position their body for planting, dig holes for seeds, gently plant and cover seeds, and use tools.

Planting is also a sensory experience as children interact with seeds, dirt, and water and feel the sun on their face; exploring textures, smells and sensations. As you garden you can wonder together about what helps plants grow, what their seeds will transform into, and how much longer it will be until the seed is finally a plant. The process of planting and gardening with children is a step into

a world of imagining and dreaming together; it can be hard to see how a tiny seed or a sprout can turn into a plant, or how a bunch of them can come together to form a beautiful garden. As you wonder with your child, you can further the experience by reading books about gardens and plants together. One of our favourites is "The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle and this beautiful process of thinking and imagining together supports children's cognitive and literary development.

The other week the infant, toddler, and preschool children planted cat grass seeds. As they worked, the children explored the texture of the soil on their fingers and shared their knowledge about how plants grow.

They were curious to see how long it would take for their seeds to turn into a plant. When they returned the following week on Monday they were thrilled to see that their plants had suddenly sprouted. The toddler and preschool plants were in cups with their faces on them, so that as the catgrass grew it would turn into funky plant hair for their photos; the children thought it was hilarious. They kept revisiting the plants throughout the day and sharing their observations about them.

For Mother's Day, the children decorated cups to use as pots for a present. Then they planted flower seeds inside. Carefully each child, with educator help for the little ones, counted out how many seeds went into their

cups. They shared their rememberings and knowledge from their last planting experience and were very excited to give their plants to their grown-ups who love them.

We've loved our experiences so far planting with the children at the daycare and we hope to continue this experience by doing more planting in our yards. We hope that you will have a chance to explore gardening with the tiny humans in your life too.

*Lindsay Jowett OCT
Admin Lead
Compass ELC Minden*

Lauralei and Blair explore their gardening tools before the fun part - digging into the dirt.



Below, Aspen puts heart and soul into making a cup special for a gift from the garden.



Leslie gives a close look to toddlers Hanson, Allana, Samantha and Callum.



Above, Tyke, with help from Sabrina, reaches into the planting soil to fill a cup in preparation for a green gift.

In the toddler room, funky catgrass hair grows out of photo-labelled cups.

Left, Jai uses markers to decorate the cup that will contain a special gift.

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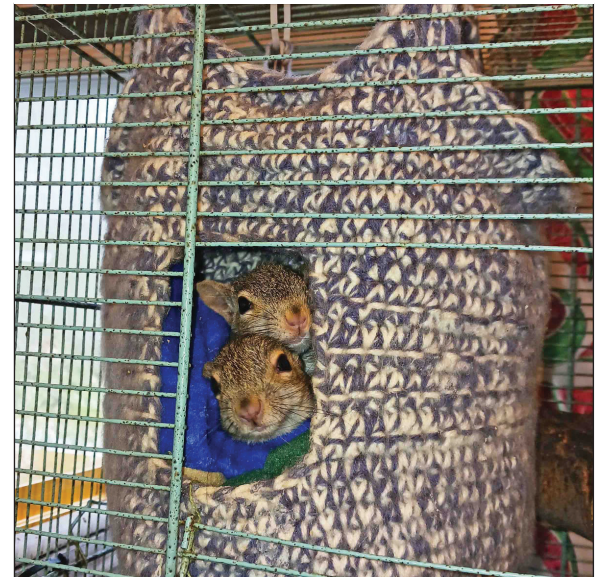
Helping hands

A hard-working group of volunteers with the Minden Community Food Centre pause for a group photo.

Left to right: Rita Helliwell, Sue Waite, Gayle Upshall, Elaine Redpath, Wendy Harding, Sharon Boscoe, manager Jean Munroe, Joan Stoner and Nicholas Botticelli. /Photo submitted



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Our orphaned Eastern Gray Squirrels are growing up in the lap of luxury thanks to the Haliburton Rails End Crafters Circle. These talented ladies helped design and knit dozens of wildlife nests for us over the winter, which are now keeping our babies safe and snug.



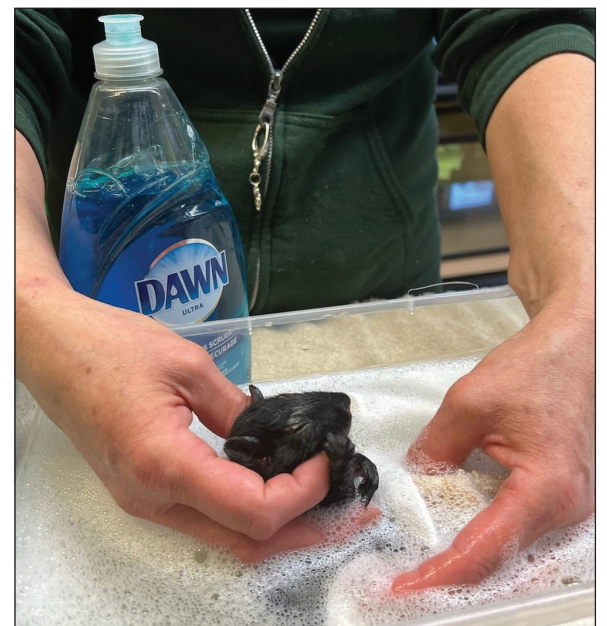
A canoe built for six

Three kids (Olivia, Violet and Tristan), two adults (Stuart and Joleen) and a dog (Finn) set out for an overnight adventure in Minden Hills for Mother's Day, equipped with bug jackets already as the blackflies are out and the trip did take the Humphries-Thomas family through the wetlands of Queen Elizabeth II park to get to their camp site. /Photo by Joleen Thomas



Winner, winner!

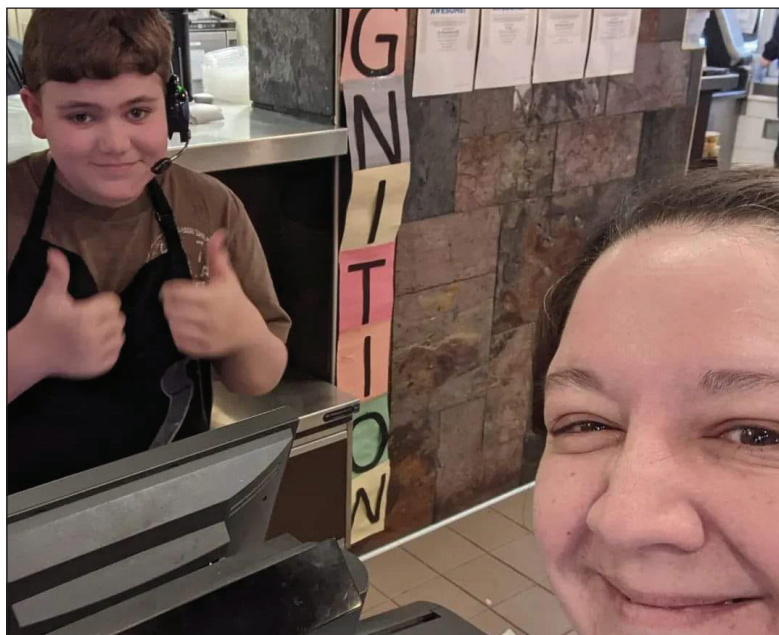
Congratulations to Tina Earle of Minden, who won one of the Pine Reflections Gift Baskets offered in a recent Canoe FM Radio contest. Pine Reflections asked everyone to choose a theme for their 2022 season, and Tina said, "Blue and yellow for peace in Ukraine." Thanks to everyone for entering the contest. /Photo submitted by Canoe FM



Just like kids, our baby squirrels get dirty. This little girl is so relaxed she almost fell asleep in the warmth of her bubble bath. Thank you Dawn, for your generous donation to help keep not just our dishes, but also our kids, squeaky clean! To learn more about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, visit woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or call 705-286-1133. We are looking for volunteers to help us one day a week to care for the hundreds of animals we admit during the year. The link to the online volunteer application form can be found here <https://woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/volunteer/>. Submitted by Monika Melichar

Friendly service

Auntie Kerri-Lynne Baayen visited Dairy Queen on the Minden restaurant's first dine-in night in quite some time due to pandemic restrictions, and was able to wish Spencer Upton a happy first night on the job on May 2. /Photo by Kerri-Lynne Baayen



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Market reassessment comes up once more

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Just in time for the start of the cottage season, the specter of market value reassessment has raised its head once more in Haliburton County.

Last Wednesday, a narrow majority of county councillors voted to proceed with plans to educate the public about the impact reassessment will have on property taxes.

This sets the scene for a decision on the adoption of market value reassessment by local politicians this year, probably in August or September.

If council approves the plan, all properties in Haliburton County will be re-assessed at their 1988 market values for the purpose of determining the amount of property tax paid for county, municipal and education purposes.

Currently, the assessed values of properties in the county are tied to different years which vary depending on the municipality.

In July, representatives from the Regional Assessment Office will meet with the 10 municipal councils in the county to explain the impact reassessment will have on their tax payers. In August, two public meetings will be held in Minden and Haliburton to give residents an opportunity to learn about reassessment.

Last Wednesday, three employees of the assessment office met with county council to present a market value reassessment impact study.

Assessment officer Ron Young said that when the issue was being considered in early

1991, there was criticism that it was being "sneaked through" during the winter when seasonal residents are away from the county.

This year, the process will occur during the summer and will include Saturday public meetings in August to allow all residents to participate.

Lakefront property owners, a majority of whom are seasonal residents, have led the attack against market value reassessment. They believe reassessment would shift a greater tax burden on to cottage owners, due to the rise in lakefront property values.

During last year's municipal election campaign, cottage associations lobbied county councillors to reject the proposed reassessment. In November the previous council deferred the issue, to allow the successful candidates an opportunity for input.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Young countered some of the arguments used by cottage organizations to oppose market value reassessment.

The use of the year 1988 as the benchmark for reassessment has been criticized by people who say it represents the height of the real estate boom and does not represent a fair picture of property values.

But Young said, contrary to popular wisdom, property values in Haliburton County did not reach their peak until 1991, and real estate prices reported so far in 1992 are still higher than those in 1988.

According to property transaction records from the Land Registry Office, the average

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Clay Poldas was one of many people to get a close up look at the Stanley Cup, part of the Stars on Ice Hockey Hall of Fame display. The mobile exhibition was in Minden Saturday at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Home and School Association's Fun Fair. See page 21 for a story on the hockey memorabilia display. More Fun Fair pictures on page 4.

Don 'Soup' Campbell, a community builder

Minden has lost a community builder with the passing of Don "Soup" Campbell Saturday evening. The 62 year old Mr. Campbell passed away after a battle with cancer.

Don Campbell was an affable, easy-going individual who had built a successful construction company serving clients throughout the county and beyond. His community minded nature and experience as a builder kept him busy assisting various groups and organizations with their building plans. On more than a few occasions his expertise was sought when projects were being proposed or he was seconded as a volunteer on a building committee, all tasks he undertook willingly and with no thought of recognition.

He assisted in the fund raising for the present community centre and arena organizing bottle drives and walk-a-thons to help raise money for the structure.

Soup was also an avid sports enthusiast, serving for many years as president of the local hockey and baseball leagues. He also helped with the organization of the early years

of the Minden Winter Carnival.

Don came to Minden in 1947, working for Coca Cola. After a number of years he formed D.A.C. Construction. Among the projects in which he was involved were the Anglican Church parish hall, renovations to the Minden Hospital, municipal buildings and structures throughout the county.

Donald Campbell is survived by his wife, Pat (Welch), four children Jeff, Anne, Jody and Jerry and 11 grandchildren.

Friends are invited to call at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden today (Monday) from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a graveside service scheduled for the Minden Cemetery Tuesday at 11 a.m.

The family has requested that memorial donations be directed to the Hospital for Sick Children's Leukemia Research Foundation or the St. Paul's Anglican Church Building Fund.

Donald Campbell will be remembered as a builder, not only of structures but of his community. He will be missed.

Lutterworth lowers budget

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Lutterworth taxpayers are in for a break this year as council has frozen its portion of property taxes at last year's levels.

When education and county levies are included however, Lutterworth residents will see a eight per cent increase in their tax bills.

The township expects to spend \$733,915 in 1992, which is less than the \$750,144 spent last year.

The largest chunk, \$325,550 of the budget is spent on transportation services, mainly road maintenance, followed by general government at \$207,080.

Even though municipal taxes will not be raised this year, council still managed to give municipal employees a four per cent wage increase, budget for new computers, and set aside \$10,000 to cover bad taxes.

The cost of environmental services increased by \$22,000 from last year, most of which is attributed to the cost of closing the former Steeles dump, which is owned by Joe Samutt.

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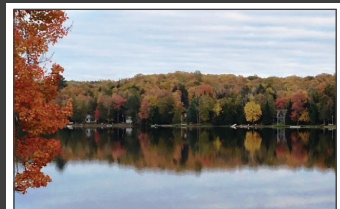
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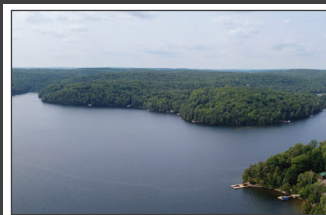
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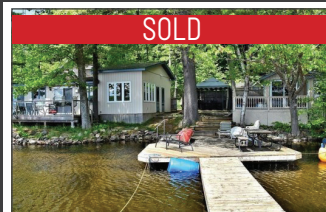
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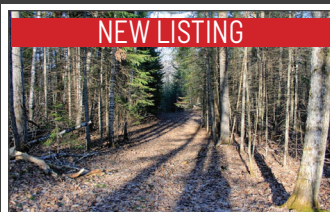
- Charming 4 Season cottage, bunkie + detached garage w/loft.
- Spectacular Rippled Sand Shoreline, South Exposure, 2-Lake chain



Kelly Kay*
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Gainforth Rd

- Custom built Discovery Dream Home in Gainforth Estates
- Open concept 4 Bed + 4 Bath
- Private 4.4 acre lot minutes to Haliburton



Darlene Reil*
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Essonville Line

- \$269,900
- 21+ Acres
- Walk To All Amenities
- Get Your House Plans Ready!



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Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Mountain St \$179,000

- Riverfront parcel ideal for your dream home
- Bell, Hydro & Sewers are at the lot line
- Original home could be a great footprint
- Walking distance to all intown amenities



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

3 Bedroom Home

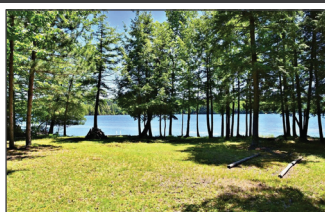
- Open Concept Living
- Full, Walk-out Basement
- 1.5 acres, Centrally Located between Minden and Haliburton



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 223

Salerno Lake \$349,000

- 172' waterfront Lot
- 1.17 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Ideal for walkout basement



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